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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 December 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments, see pages 3-4, filed 10 December 2008, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-3 and 6 under 35 USC § 103 have been fully considered and are persuasive, particularly in that Kim(1) does not qualify as prior art in a 103 rejection (since Kim(1) is commonly assigned with the present application, and qualifies only as a 102(e) reference). Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of additional prior art.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-3 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ryu (US 2002/0054249) in view of Kim et al. (US 2005/0168930), and in further view of Wakita (US 6,828,721).

5. Regarding claim 1, Ryu discloses an LCD device (see figure 3, for instance) comprising: a back light assembly (220) that generates a first light to transform the first

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light into a second light having modulated optical characteristics; a receiving container (320) having sidewalls and a bottom face, and a bottom pan (400). However, Ryu does not expressly disclose the bottom face including a plurality of sockets for fixing the liquid crystal display device to an external member, the sockets each having different diameters including a smaller diameter entrance portion; or wherein the bottom pan has projecting plugs each receivable into the sockets, or wherein the sockets being depressed below the bottom face, or wherein the projecting plugs have a substantially curved shaped portion.

6. Regarding claim 1, Kim(2) discloses an LCD device (see figures 4C and 6, for instance) comprising: a back light assembly (14) that generates a first light to transform the first light into a second light having modulated optical characteristics; a receiving container (21) having sidewalls and a bottom face, the bottom face including a plurality of sockets (23) for fixing the liquid crystal display device (10) to an external member, the sockets (17) each having different diameters including a smaller diameter entrance portion; the backlight assembly having tabs for embracing the sidewalls of the receiving container (21) and a plurality of projecting plugs (27) each receivable into the sockets (17).

7. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to affix the bottom pan to the receiving container as Kim (2) in the display of Ryu. The motivation for doing so would have been to minimize display case size and maximize display area, as taught by Kim(2) ([0022]).

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8. Regarding claim 1, Wakita discloses an LCD (see figures 12 and 14, for instance), wherein a bottom member (41) has sockets (44) each having different diameters including a smaller diameter entrance portion, depressed below the bottom face, having projecting plugs (45) having substantially curved shaped portion.

9. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the sockets and projecting plugs of Wakita in the LCD of Ryu in view of Kim(2). The motivation for doing so would have been to easily position the display panel while making fixture and removal simpler and easier, as taught by Wakita (see column 1, lines 44-51). Claim 1 is therefore unpatentable.

10. Regarding claim 2, Ryu in view of Kim(2) in further view of Wakita discloses the LCD device of claim 1 (see Ryu figure 3, Kim(2) figures 4C and 6; Wakita figures 12 and 14, for instance), and Wakita further discloses wherein the sockets (44) each have a diameter corresponding to the curved shape portion of the projecting plugs (45). Claim 2 is therefore unpatentable.

11. Regarding claim 3, Ryu in view of Kim(2) in further view of Wakita discloses the LCD device of claim 1 (see Ryu figure 3, Kim(2) figures 4C and 6; Wakita figures 12 and 14, for instance), wherein the sockets (44) are formed at comers of the bottom face of the receiving container.

12. Regarding claim 6, Ryu in view of Kim(2) in further view of Wakita discloses the LCD device of claim 2 (see Ryu figure 3, Kim(2) figures 4C and 6; Wakita figures 12 and 14, for instance), and Wakita further discloses wherein the projecting sockets (44) each

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have a curved shape corresponding to the curved shape portion of the projecting plugs.

Claim 6 is therefore unpatentable.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NATHANAEL R. BRIGGS whose telephone number is (571)272-8992. The examiner can normally be reached on 9 AM - 5:30 PM Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Nelms can be reached on (571) 272-1787. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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